

Tuesday, January 12, 1999

Columbia rollover to VAB no earlier than Feb. 1



New weather satellite being tested at Astrotech

▲ **Shuttle Update:** The orbiter Columbia, mission STS-93, is now targeted for rollover from its current location in OPF bay 3 to the VAB no earlier than Feb. 1. STS-93 is carrying the Chandra X-ray Observatory (formerly AXAF). Launch of the next Space Shuttle is currently targeted for mid-April.

▲ **The GOES-L weather satellite** is currently being tested at Astrotech in Titusville. It is the fourth of a new advanced series of geostationary weather satellites for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It is a three-axis inertially stabilized spacecraft that will provide pictures and perform atmospheric sounding at the same time. Once launched, targeted for late March from Cape Canaveral Air Station aboard an Atlas II rocket, the satellite will undergo checkout and then provide backup capabilities for the existing, aging GOES East weather satellite.

Put on Your Thinking Caps: The 1999 Super Safety & Health Day committee is holding a **contest** to name the theme for this year's program. Last year's theme was "Safety On the Line." Employees are encouraged to submit their ideas. Please note that health has been added to the scope of the 1999 program. The winner of the theme contest will have his or her photo and theme published in a future edition of Spaceport News, as well as used for Super Safety & Health Day publications and activities. Please send suggestions via e-mail to SafetyDayQuestions @ ksc.nasa.gov by close of business Jan. 19 and include **name, mail code and phone number**.

Dealing With Challenges: It is time to submit your advance registration to attend a day of training designed to help deal with the challenges that lie ahead. "**Expand Your Horizon – Invest in the Future,**" sponsored by the Space Coast Chapter of Federally Employed Women, will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 10 and Feb. 11, for scheduling convenience. Sessions will be at the Radisson Resort at the Port, Cape Canaveral. The day-long training costs \$65. For more information, please contact your training coordinator or Clara Anderson, 639-3154.

Did You Know? The Space Coast **Blood Bank**, a division of Central Florida Blood Bank, will be **on site** this week at the following locations: Jan. 13, at the Cape Canaveral Air Station Fire House, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Jan. 14, in the Base Support (M&O) Building (Industrial Area), 8 a.m. to noon; and Jan. 14, in the Vehicle Assembly Building, 1 to 4 p.m. All donations to the Space Coast Blood Bank stay in the community. For more information, please call Sam Gutierrez, 476-3587.

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